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SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1881.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

THE majority of 176 which the Government secured on the second reading of their Irish Land Bill will, I trust, lead Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues to adopt a bolder tone towards the obstructive minority of the House. Lord Hartington surprised some of us by showing fight on Monday; and by giving the lie direct in straightforward English fashion to that little wisp of a lordling, the flippant young leader of the "Fourth Party," Lord Randolph Churchill. There is something certainly inviting to the wasps of the House in the phlegmatic carelessness or characteristic idleness, whichever it may be, of the Marquis of Hartington as he generally bungles clumsily through an official explanation. Once rouse the tawny Secretary for India, however, and he can hit out with vigour. This "slogging" quality of Lord Hartington—which his colleagues in the Ministry might well emulate if they desire to end the pestering they are subjected to—was forcibly illustrated, as aforesaid, on Monday. With exasperating insolence, Lord Randolph Churchill (whose real pettiness "THE SHOWMAN" exposed last week) had put upon the paper a series of questions, the gist of which was this—Did the Secretary for India inform Sir F. Roberts on his return from India that he would receive a grant of £20,000, whereas on his return from South Africa that grant was reduced to £12,000? In reply, Lord Hartington made it clear that this statement was quite erroneous; and that Sir Frederick Roberts, equally with Sir Donald Stewart, had accepted a pension of £1000 a year, with the alternative of a commutation in the solid form of £12,500 in a lump sum. Asked point blank by the noble Marquis "upon what grounds other than those which are contained in the calumnious and lying gossip of a journal which makes imputations of a very injurious character he has founded the question which he has put to me?" Lord Randolph Churchill wriggled out of an answer in a pitiful manner. I only trust that all questions manifestly conceived in a spirit of disrespect for Ministers will be answered as boldly and as directly as the Marquis of Hartington answered the Duke of Marlborough's conceited son on Monday.

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Proverbially odious as comparisons are, I will not enter into an inquiry as to whether the Government were right to give £12,500 a piece to Sir Donald Stewart and Sir Frederick Roberts when, for the paltry Ashantee Campaign, Sir Garnet Wolseley received £25,000. Probably, the Afghan services of Stewart and Roberts were of more vital importance to us at the time than Sir Garnet Wolseley's excursion in search of King Koffee was. Be that as it may, in view of the recent South African disasters which brought the Transvaal War to an end inglorious for the British arms, I don't fancy the military chiefs who lounge in arm-chairs at the Horse Guards have much reason to plume themselves on the value of the counsel they may have received from their adviser-in-chief, Sir Garnet Wolseley.

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Earl Granville's firm and manly despatch in regard to the French treaty with Tunis was conceived and expressed in the very spirit most likely to rouse the most thoughtful Frenchmen to a sense of the overriding nature of French interference with the Bey. But there would probably have been a firmer ring in this model despatch had it not been for the impolitic concessions secretly made to the French in Tunis by the Marquis of Salisbury and the late Government.

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The death of Sir William Patrick Adam, Governor of Madras, came with a painful surprise on M.P.'s last Monday, when Mr. Gladstone and Sir Stafford Northcote both joined Mr. Onslow in paying a richly-deserved tribute to his memory in the Commons.

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As the Railway Servants' Orphanage will be benefited by the George Stephenson Centenary Festival at the Crystal Palace on June 9, and a deserving charity thereby enriched, nobody will be surprised to learn that their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have readily accorded their patronage to the festival. PHILIP.

News in a Nutshell.

THE QUEEN'S SIXTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY.

THE QUEEN, who is looking better in health than at the same time last year, arrived at Balmoral last Saturday afternoon. Shortly after their arrival the Queen and Princess Beatrice drove out in an open carriage, and visited the tenantry on the estate of Balmoral. Prince Leopold arrived at Balmoral on Monday.

Her Majesty's sixty-second birthday was celebrated at Windsor last Tuesday in the customary manner. The town was gaily decked with flags, and the bells of St. George's Chapel and St. John's Church gave forth merry peals. At noon a Royal salute was fired in the Long Walk and from Port Belvedere, Virginia Water. In the morning the Household troops were marched to the Horse Guards' Parade Ground, St. James's Park, and were paraded in full dress in honour of her Majesty's birthday. The men were afterwards exercised in the ceremony of "trooping the colours," which will be performed on Saturday. The bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, and of many of the city churches rang merry peals throughout the day.

At Dublin and other garrison towns the customary review and sham fight took place in the Phœnix Park. The Lord Lieutenant and Countess Cowper were present, and there was a large gathering of spectators.

Royal decorations were awarded to a host of civil and military redtapists. For a wonder, the Volunteers were remembered, her Majesty being pleased to approve of the following officers being appointed aides-de-camp to her Majesty for the service of her Volunteer force, with the rank of Colonel in that force:—

Francis, Lord Elcho, Honorary Colonel of the 7th Middlesex (London Scottish) Rifle Volunteer Corps (Supernumerary).

Sir James Gardiner Baird, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 1st Midlothian (Midlothian Coast) Artillery Volunteer Corps.

William Coutts, Viscount Bury, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Colonel of the 14th Middlesex (Civil Service) Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Charles Stewart, Viscount Hardinge, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 1st Kent Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 1st Denbighshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales, attended by the Marquis of Hamilton, the Hon. H. Tyrwhitt Wilson, Colonel A. Ellis, and Mr. Knollys, returned to London on Monday morning from the Continent.

By command of the Queen, a Levée was held on Monday afternoon at St. James's Palace by the Prince of Wales.

THE KING AND QUEEN OF SWEDEN

arrived at Southampton on Monday morning by railway from Bournemouth, and embarked at twelve o'clock from the docks on board the Admiral's steam-yacht Fire Queen, from Portsmouth, for the purpose of visiting Osborne.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH

embarked on board the Admiralty yacht Lively at Dover on Saturday, and on Sunday landed at Bournemouth, and visited the King and Queen of Sweden. In the afternoon they sailed again for Plymouth.

The Duke of Edinburgh will sail next month for the Baltic, in command of the Royal Naval Reserve squadron.

A DUKEDOM FOR PRINCE LEOPOLD.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the dignity of a Peerage on Prince Leopold, who will assume the title of the Duke of Albany.

MR. GLADSTONE'S VICTORY IN PARLIAMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone returned to Downing-street from Pembroke Lodge, Lady Russell's residence, on Monday.

The Ministerial victory on the second reading of the Irish Land Bill was complete, Lord Elcho's amendment being defeated by the large majority of 176—352 to 176—and the bill being then read the second time without a division.

Mr. Gladstone on Monday gave a clear intimation that the bane of obstruction would soon have to be dealt with effectually. The Speaker, who was present on Saturday night at the annual dinner of the Metropolitan Board of Works, referred to the late hours and overwork of the House of Commons, and suggested that some relief might be found by

calling in aid the principle of self-government, and handing over a portion of the work to the local authorities. He is of opinion that further powers ought to be given to large communities to manage their own affairs; and, in saying this, he referred not only to England but to Ireland and Scotland. Every year more and more work is being thrown upon the House of Commons, and relief ought to be sought by calling in aid the principle of the division of labour. (Hear, hear!)

Replying in the House of Commons to Lord R. Churchill, the Marquis of Hartington on Monday warmly resented the suggestion that he had led Sir F. Roberts to expect a present of £20,000 for his services in Afghanistan, and had subsequently fixed the sum at £12,000. Sir F. Roberts had himself accepted the commutation. Numerous questions were asked and answered in reference to the Transvaal, Tunis, the state of Ireland, and the ill-treatment of Jews in Russia. Mr. Gladstone announced the abandonment of his proposal to grant licenses to to sell intoxicating liquors in railway carriages. The Customs and Inland Revenue Bill was considered in committee. Mr. Justin M'Carthy kept the House up late with the grievance of Mr. Dillon's arrest.

In reply to Mr. Onslow, who spoke in high praise of the popularity of Mr. Adam in Madras, Mr. Gladstone on Tuesday was sorry to say that the Government had received confirmation of the news of Mr. Adams's death. The right hon. gentleman passed a high eulogium on the character of the late Governor of Madras, and observed that during the many years he was in the House of Commons no person more completely succeeded in gaining or better deserved the esteem of the House. Sir S. Northcote wished to add a single word to express the extreme feeling of regret which all members of the House must entertain at the death of one who was so highly respected and so very much admired.

BOERS v. KAFFIRS.

A Durban despatch asserts that in the recent fighting between the Kaffirs and the Boers the former lost seventy killed, while the Boers lost five men. The Boers have been commandering money and men rather extensively. Several British subjects have been commandered by a Dutch officer to fight Montsuive; and the *Standard* correspondent states that loyal British and Boers will have to leave the country unless some steps are taken for their protection.

FRANCE v. TUNIS.

The Sultan has impotently pronounced the deposition of the Bey, but the French authorities declare they will uphold him on his throne. M. Barthélemy St. Hilaire stated on Saturday to a committee appointed by the Bureaux of the French Chamber of Deputies that all the financial interference contemplated in Tunis was a reorganisation of the finances of the country. The points to be occupied by French troops would be places surrounding the country of the Kroumirs. An attempted revolt on the part of the convicts at La Golette has been suppressed, and Lardi Zarruck, the Tunisian Councillor, who opposed the signature of the Franco-Tunisian Treaty, has sailed for Palermo.

The French Chamber on Monday "by a large majority" approved the French treaty with the poor Bey of Tunis.

A severe engagement has been fought near Chellala, in the south-western part of Algeria bordering on the desert, between a French column and a body of Arab insurgents 5000 strong. The latter were defeated with a loss of 300 men, while the French lost thirty-seven killed and forty-six wounded.

The *Daily News'* Paris correspondent telegraphs his belief that the French Senate will assent to the substitution of the *scrutin de liste* for the *scrutin d'arrondissement*. Among the possible consequences of such a step he enumerates the resignation of M. Grévy and the failure of M. Ferry to secure his re-election.

The *Daily News* regrets the former contingency; and suggests that the Senate should throw out the bill, as M. Gambetta only carried his project by a majority of eight.

A LETTER FROM GENERAL GARIBALDI

on the position of affairs at Tunis has been published at Rome. He says that he is a friend of France, but if that country endeavoured to take possession of Tunis, Italy would be insulted and threatened. Garibaldi expresses a hope that France will relinquish all idea of annexation, or even of a protectorate, and declares that in any case the Italian fleet, with 50,000 men on board, ought to be ready to defend the Italian islands which are threatened.

DISTURBED IRELAND.

Mr. Brennan, secretary of the Land League, was arrested on Monday, charged with inciting to acts of violence in Queen's County. Jeremiah Downing, one of the persons arrested in Cork under the Protection Act, has been set free. About a month ago John Lyden, a herd in Connemara, was dragged out of his bed at night by an armed gang of men and brutally murdered. His son, Martin Lyden, was at the same time shot, and he died on Saturday night from his injuries.

DR. BERNAYS ON COCOA.—"What are we to say to Cocoas containing only twelve to twenty per cent of Cocoa? A thin drink of genuine Cocoa would be both wholesomer and cheaper than when thickened." CADBURY'S ESSENCE is genuine and cheaper in use.—[ADVT.]

The Playgoer.

THE idea made use of in the rollicking little piece, "Welsh Rabbits," at the Folly, bears a strong family resemblance to one or two of Mr. W. S. Gilbert's humorous topsy-turvey plays. Yet the fun never flags, as manipulated by Mr. Toole, who has summoned to his aid, moreover, a bevy of comely girls—an attraction he has hitherto done without at the Folly. The mercurial being who has profited largely from the introduction into this country of the salacious plays in vogue at the Palais Royal is ever presenting infidelity in a new light. Like the Roman Emperor, he presumably says, spinning a gold-piece up, "the coin doesn't smell, does it?" The same Roman hand is to be discerned in the touch-and-go Wyndham-cum-Albery "Butterfly Fever" at the Criterion, although the name of Mr. James Mortimer is attached to the farcical play as adaptor. But haven't the public had enough of such pieces?

STAGE AND ORCHESTRA GOSSIP.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz and suite, went to hear "Dinorah," at the Royal Italian Opera, last Monday evening.

ADELINA PATTI made her rentrée at Covent Garden on Tuesday in "Semiramide." She will appear on Saturday in Verdi's "Traviata."

MR. SIMS REEVES having had to undergo an operation on the face, the performance at the Royal Albert Hall, announced for last Wednesday, is postponed to Wednesday, June 15.

CHRISTINE NILSSON will appear at Her Majesty's Theatre on Saturday night as Marguerite, in "Faust."

JENNY LEE's farewell engagement at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, Liverpool, terminated on Saturday. Jenny Lee leaves for a tour in America, where her personation of the little street waif "Jo" is sure to be as popular as it has been at home.

SIR JULIUS BENEDICT is to be congratulated upon the birth of a son. The happy event took place at his residence 2, Manchester-square, London, on the 12th inst.

"KEATING'S POWDER" kills Bugs, Moths, Fleas, Beetles and all insects (perfectly unrivalled); harmless to everything but insects. Tins, 6d. and 1s.—[ADVT.]

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ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is perfectly harmless, and very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Sold by all Chemists, at 1s. 1½d. per Bottle.—[ADVT.]

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Chat of the Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

SO! greatly did the Queen admire Lady Brooke's wedding dress that she insisted on her dining in it at the castle; and, after dinner, her Majesty told the lovely bride to "walk about," that she might "see it better." The result of these peripatetic movements being that her Ladyship was "commanded" to be photographed therein.

Lord Lonsdale, who does not consider his own Northumbria equal to the work, has engaged a large yacht, in which he purposes making an excursion to the Arctic regions. Dr. Kingsley will be his companion; and, as at present arranged, they will start on their journey the second week in June. It is not yet decided whether an exploration of the North-West passage will be attempted: but Lord Lonsdale's intention is to get as near as he can to the North Pole.

A marriage is arranged between Mr. Edward Pratt, of Norfolk, and Miss Mulholland, eldest daughter of the millionaire, Mr. Mulholland, owner of a beautiful yacht, and who purchased the late Lord Chelmsford's house in Eaton-square a year or two ago.

Bagshot will be very lively after the Ascot Meeting. A grand bazaar (under the immediate patronage of her Majesty the Queen) will be held at Bagshot Park, the residence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, on Saturday and Monday, June 11 and 13. The funds produced are to be devoted to the restoration of Bagshot church.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Prince and Princess Christian, Prince Leopold, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck have promised to attend. Stalls will be held by several members of the Royal family. Military bands will be in attendance both days. Special trains will run from Waterloo. It is anticipated that most of those who take places in the neighbourhood for the races will finish up the week by attending this bazaar. The price for admission to the grounds will be half a crown; and to a Grand Amateur Concert, which will be held both days, ten shillings.

The culprits are very happy down at Sunningdale, in a charming cottage, with cows and every rural felicity. Great hopes are now entertained of the divorce being applied for; and then, after a decent interval, enter my lady the Countess.

The sporting event *par excellence* of the season will be the Countess of Yarborough's marriage with Mr. J. M. Richardson, for which Lincolnshire hunting men, especially residents in the Brocklesby country, have been on the *qui-vive* since the coming of age of the present popular young peer. It will be celebrated in July.

The Ealing people have been put into a state of flutter by a rumour that Prince Christian has some idea of building himself a house on the Mount, Hanger Hill. Ealing has been a Royal residence in the past—why should it not be so again?

There is much regret in Essex that Sir Evelyn Wood, when he returns from South Africa, will no longer have a local habitation in his native county. He has been living at Gaynes Park, near Romford, but now his belongings have been removed thence to Government House, Chatham.

I was in Battersea Park on Saturday evening, and was simply astonished at the wealth of flowers and sweet-scented shrubs and general "greenery," and charmed with the finished beauty of the park and its fine river-frontage. They have a ride and a drive and fine cricket-fields, a lake and row-boats, a tropical garden, shady walks, plenty of seats, and excellent refreshment-cafés with a very cheap tariff.

GRANT'S MORELLA CHERRY BRANDY has obtained a medal and first-class award at the Melbourne International Exhibition.

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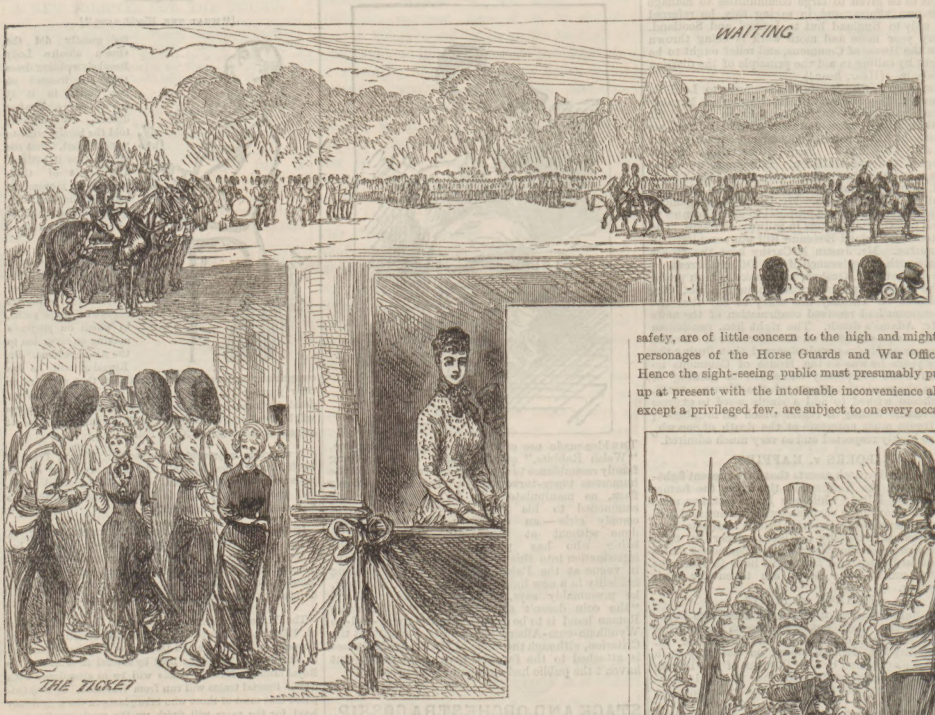
"TROOPING THE COLOURS."



Our Illustrations.

CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY IN LONDON.

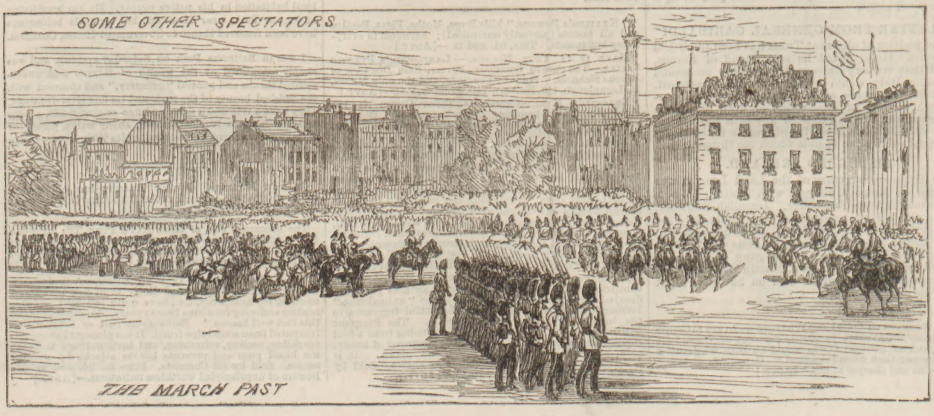
For the convenience, we presume, of public servants, the Queen's Birthday is now generally "kept" officially on a Saturday subsequent to the actual date, which is the 24th of May. Thus comes it that, although her Majesty privately and quietly commemorated the day at Balmoral, the Sixty-second Birthday of the Queen will not be celebrated in London till Saturday, May 28.

It must be nice to be a Somerset House or a War Office clerk this Saturday—or, better still, a Lah-di-dah clerk at the Horse Guards; for it is a General Holiday with these privileged members of the ironically termed Civil Service; and the copying clerks who mismanage our military affairs at the Horse Guards make good use of the opportunity of letting their fair friends view the imposing martial ceremony of "Trooping the Colours" from their rooms.

"TROOPING THE COLOURS"

is one of the few military spectacles worth seeing in London. Each year it seems to draw larger multitudes to view the sight on the Horse Guards' Parade, St. James's Park. It would be of infinitely greater convenience to the public if the ceremony were to take place in the broad open space of Hyde Park. But public convenience, and the public safety, are of little concern to the high and mighty personages of the Horse Guards and War Office. Hence the sight-seeing public must presumably put up at present with the intolerable inconvenience all, except a privileged few, are subject to on every occasion when "Trooping the Colours" draws tens of thousands to St. James's Park.

With all these drawbacks, "Trooping the Colours" is worth enduring a little squeezing to see. True, little may be seen of the regiments marching by; but the gay music that comes from the bands is in itself worth walking many a mile to hear. Armed with a ticket, as our Artist indicates, in advance,



HER MAJESTY IN SCOTLAND: A SKETCHING HOLIDAY NEAR LOCH CALLATER.

the visitor can both see and hear in comfort. Be in time, be in time! may be urged on all who intend "to assist" this Saturday morning at "Trooping the Colours," fixed for from ten o'clock to half-past ten.

THE QUEEN'S SPRING HOLIDAY IN SCOTLAND.

It is not for lack of a Royal example that our legislators do not adopt the rational course of holding Parliament in the winter instead of the summer months. Her Majesty has for years past spent the pleasantest part of May and June at Balmoral Castle. Eh; but under drawbacks! Witness, the cordon of police who keep watch and ward over the grounds, to preserve the Queen's comfort and safety.

THE QUEEN'S JOURNEY.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, Princesses Victoria and Elizabeth of Hesse and suite, arrived on Saturday last at Balmoral, where her Majesty will remain five or six weeks. The Royal train left Windsor on the Friday night at fifty-five minutes past seven o'clock. At half-past nine o'clock on Saturday morning Perth was reached. Her Majesty partook of breakfast in the committee-room of the railway company. In crossing the platform from the train to the Royal rooms her Majesty shook hands with and spoke to Mrs. Smythe, of Methven. After a stay of fifty-five minutes the Royal journey was resumed, and the train moved away amid the cheers of the large crowd who assembled at the station. The Royal train reached Ferryhill Junction punctually at 12.56, and was drawn up opposite the inclosure erected for the occasion. While the train was standing the young Princesses left their own saloon, and were conducted into that occupied by the Queen, with whom they entered into conversation. Awaiting the arrival of her Majesty were several of the principal city officials and officers of the railway company. There were also present a large attendance of the general public. There was a stay at Ferryhill Junction of five minutes, and the train steamed away amidst loud cheers from the assemblage, which her Majesty graciously acknowledged by bowing repeatedly.

Ballater was reached about half-past two o'clock. The platform was lined with crimson cloth, and a guard of honour of the 71st Regiment assembled outside the station buildings, and as the Queen passed from the train to her carriage she received the Royal salute. The Queen reached her Highland home about half-past three o'clock.

THE QUEEN AT LOCH CALLATER.

Well may her Majesty delight in her Scottish holiday! Our page Illustration—from a Sketch made at Loch Callater last autumn—indicates the freedom which the Queen enjoys amid the grandeur of Highland scenery. In all the simplicity which the greatest Sovereign in the world takes most pleasure in, the ruler of these realms is to be seen unassumingly sketching on the shore of Loch Callater, with her constant companion, Princess Beatrice, near her; and the Grand Duke of Hesse enjoying a quiet pipe, whilst his son ruffles the surface of the lake with a pebble.

Loch Callater is situated to the south-west of the group of mountains comprising Lochnagar, Cairn Taggart, and the Cairn of Cornbreach, which rise immediately south of Balmoral Forest, and by which Glen Muich is separated from Glen Callater and the vale of the Cluny. We will quote from her Majesty's "Journal of our Life in the Highlands," for her account of the last excursion here which she and her husband were permitted to enjoy together, accompanied by two of her daughters. One of these, "Lenchen," is Princess Helena, now the wife of Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein. The other was the late Princess Alice, who was then engaged to be married to Prince Louis of Hesse, now Grand Duke. There is a mournful interest, now, in reflecting that two of the Queen's nearest and dearest, who were with her on that occasion—but two months before the Prince Consort died—have passed away from earth; and it is with respectful sympathy that we now transcribe what

HER MAJESTY WROTE IN HER PRIVATE JOURNAL:—

"Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1861.

"To our great satisfaction, it was a most beautiful morning. Not a cloud was in the bright blue sky, and it was perfectly calm. There had been a sharp frost, which lay on parts of the grass, and the mountains were beautifully lit up, with those very blue shades upon them, like the bloom of a plum. Up early, and breakfasted with Alice, Louis, and Lenchen, in our room. At twenty minutes to nine o'clock we started, with Alice, Lenchen, and Louis.

"The morning was beyond everything splendid, and the country in such beauty, though the poor trees are nearly leafless. Near Castleton, and indeed all along the road, in the shade, the frost lay, and the air was very sharp. We took post-horses at Castleton, and proceeded up Glen Cluny to Glen Callater, which looked lovely, and which Albert admired much.

"In a little more than two hours, we were at Loch Callater. The road was very bad indeed as we approached the loch, where our ponies were waiting for us. After walking a few paces, we mounted them, I on my good 'Fyvie,' and Alice on 'Inchrory.'

"The day was glorious, and the whole expedition delightful and very easily performed. We ascended Little Cairn Ture, on the north side of Loch Callater, up a sort of footpath, very easy and even, upon ground that was almost flat, rising very gradually, but imperceptibly; and the view became wonderfully extensive. The top of Cairn Ture is quite flat, with moss and grass, so that you could drive upon it. It is very high; for you see the high table-land behind the highest point of Lochnagar. On that side you have no view, but from the other it is wonderfully extensive. It was so clear and bright, and so still there, reminding us of the day on Ben Muich Dhui last year.

"There rose, immediately behind us, Ben Muich Dhui, which you hardly ever see, and the shape of which is not fine; with its surrounding mountains of Cairngorm, Brae Riach, Ben Avon or A'an, Benna-Bhourd, &c. We saw Ben-y-Ghlo quite clearly, and all that range of hills; then, further west, Shichallion, near Loch Tay; the mountains which are near the Black Mount; and, quite on the horizon, we could discern Ben Nevis, which is above Fort William.

"Going up Cairn Ture, we looked down upon Loch Canter, a small loch above Loch Callater, very wild and dark. We proceeded to Cairn Glaishie, at the extreme point of which a cairn has been erected. We got off, to take a look at the wonderful panorama which lay stretched out before us. We looked on Fifeshire, and the country between Perth and Stirling, the Lomond Hills, &c. It was beautifully clear, and really it was most interesting to look over such an immense extent of the Highlands. . . . I give a very poor description of it, my head is so very ungeographical. I cannot 'mind' the names, as they say here. . . . But here follows the account of our route, with all the names as written down by Duncan. . . . It gave me a very good idea of the geography of the country, which delighted dear Albert, as this expedition was quite in a different direction from any that we had ever made before."

Her Majesty further relates how they rode on to the edge of Cairn Lochan, and got another "bonnie" view on the south side of the Grampians, looking down to Glen Isla, beyond which they saw the Lomond Hills, above Kinross and Loch Leven:—

"We went back on our side of the river; and if we had been a little earlier Albert might have got a stag, but it was too late. The moon rose, and shone most beautifully; and we returned at twenty minutes to seven o'clock, much pleased and interested with this delightful expedition. Alas! I fear, our *last* great one!

"IT WAS OUR LAST ONE!—1867."

This is the Queen's remark, entered six years afterwards in her journal of 1861, and every one will understand and sympathise with her feelings.

AWARD OF THE VICTORIA CROSS FOR BRAVERY IN BATTLE.

The commemoration of the Queen's Birthday could scarcely have been anticipated in a more generally satisfactory way than by conferring the Victoria Cross upon some of the brave soldiers who have recently distinguished themselves. The case of

LANCE-CORPORAL JOSEPH JOHN FARMER,

Army Hospital Corps, having been illustrated and described in our last Number, we need now only refer to the valorous acts of the three other recipients of the V.C.:—

HOW CAPTAIN SARTORIUS WON THE V.C.

Captain (now Brevet Major) Euston Henry Sartorius, 59th Foot, is to be decorated for conspicuous bravery during the action at Shah-jui, on Oct. 24, 1879, in leading a party of five or six men of the 59th Regiment against a body of the enemy, of unknown strength, occupying an almost inaccessible position on the top of a precipitous hill. The nature of the ground made any sort of regular formation impossible; and Captain Sartorius had to bear the first brunt of the attack from the whole body of the enemy, who fell upon him and his men as they gained the top of the precipitous pathway; but the gallant and determined bearing of this officer, emulated as it was by his men, led to the most perfect success, and the surviving occupants of the hill-top, seven in number, were all killed. In this encounter Captain Sartorius was wounded by sword-cuts in both hands, and one of his men was killed.

SERGEANT MULLANE'S GALLANTRY.

Sergeant Patrick Mullane, Royal Horse Artillery, will receive the V.C. for conspicuous bravery during the action at Maiwand, on July 27, 1880, in endeavouring to save the life of Driver Pickwell Istead. This non-commissioned officer, when the battery to which he belonged was on the point of retiring, and the enemy were within ten or fifteen yards, unhesitatingly ran back about two yards, and, picking up Driver Istead, placed him on the limber, where, unfortunately, he died almost immediately. Again, during the retreat, Sergeant Mullane volunteered to procure water for the wounded, and succeeded in doing so by going into one of the villages in which so many men lost their lives.

HEROISM OF GUNNER COLLISS.

Gunner James Colliss, Royal Horse Artillery, is awarded the V.C. for conspicuous bravery during the retreat from Maiwand to Kandahar, on July 28, 1880, when the officer commanding the battery was endeavouring to bring on a limber, with wounded men, under a cross fire, in running forward and drawing the enemy's fire on himself, thus taking off their attention from the limber.

OUR SAILOR PRINCES IN A STORM.

Princes Edward and George of Wales bid fair to be hardy sailors by the time they return to England. They have faced stormy seas; and the Bacchante has, happily, come safe out of the gales, and steamed into a calm haven in Australia. The Prince of Wales's sons seem to have inherited much of their father's urbanity; and appear to have made pleasant impressions wherever they landed. It is known that the royal midshipmen (fortunate to have a trustworthy skipper in Lord Charles Scott) had an interview at Cape Town with the ex-King of the Zulus We now learn that through them

CETEWAYO SENT AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO QUEEN VICTORIA.

The Bishop of Natal has forwarded to Mr. F. W. Chesson a copy of a letter written by a gentleman who accompanied the sons of the Prince of Wales on their recent visit to Cetewayo at Cape Town. The writer says:—

"At last we are ushered into the drawing-room, an apartment cheery in aspect and scrupulously clean, but looking barely enough furnished with half-a-dozen American kitchen chairs, on one of which sits Cetewayo in a blue serge suit, with a gorgeous smoking-cap on his head. I confess, after reading Sir Bartle Frere's too eloquent despatches, I had pictured the owner of the notorious 'celibate man-slaying machine' as a sanguinary and repulsive ogre. It was, therefore, a relief and surprise to find a black gentleman infinitely superior in appearance to any native chief in South Africa. No description would, perhaps, so well set him off as Falstaff's ideal portrait of himself—'a goodly, portly man i' faith, and a corpulent—of a cheerful look, a pleasing eye, and a most notable carriage.' It is Cetewayo to the life. After a warm shake of the hand and a smile of welcome we sit down for a talk through the medium of an interpreter. Cetewayo 'is too old,' he tells us, 'to learn English; but his son shall do so.' 'He liked the young Princes much; they were fine boys, and he could see that they were of Royal blood.' After the usual formal courtesies and change of photographs, the two Princes rose and expressed a wish to see Cetewayo's wives. 'Stay, my children,' said the ex-King, with a dignified wave of the hand, 'I have a word to say. Do you see that picture?' pointing to a print of the Queen. 'I think much when I look on that. You are the grandsons of that lady. I wish you to give her a message from me. I have been long down here; no one has yet told me what wrong I have committed, nor given me an opportunity of answering for my conduct. I do not know that I ever committed any wrong against the English. Yet they have taken me prisoner, and keep me here, and give no reasons. Tell your grandmother this, and say that when this war is over (the war in the Transvaal) I would ask her to let me visit England.'"

THE BACCHANTE IN A GALE.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are such universal favourites that numberless persons will have sympathised heartily with them, and rejoiced as they rejoiced to hear that their sons had weathered the storm which H.M.S. Bacchante encountered on the voyage from South Africa to Australia. On May 16, her Majesty's ship Bacchante, having on board Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, arrived at Albany, Western Australia, partially disabled, having been struck during a gale by a heavy sea, which injured her steering gear, carried

away her life-boat, and did other damage. The Bacchante consequently parted from the Detached Squadron on the 12th inst., and put into Albany for repairs. The two Princes are in perfect health, we are glad to hear.

RESCUED FROM THE DOTEREL.

Bit by bit, we are learning more of the deplorable calamity which happened to H.M.S. Doterel on April 26 off Sandy Point in the Straits of Magellan. It will be remembered that 143 lives were lost by the lamentable explosion of the fore gunpowder-magazine of the Doterel, whose fractured hull was sent to the bottom. The earliest accounts, with Engravings of the Doterel, will be found in the PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER for May 14 last.

Intelligence brought by the steamer Britannia confirms the news that two explosions occurred on board the Doterel—the first supposed to have been caused by the bursting of a boiler which was being used for condensing purposes, and the second in the fore magazine. The Doterel sank in eight fathoms, going down bow foremost in three minutes. After the second explosion, nothing was to be seen but a few boards. The survivors managed to save their lives by jumping overboard after the first explosion, being then picked up by boats from some sealing schooners and the yacht of the Bishop of the Falkland Islands. Commander Evans sprang through a port, and was taken out of the water much lacerated by broken glass and wreckage. He was in his bath at the time of the explosion. We may repeat that the Admiralty has directed that the survivors of the Doterel, with the exception of Commander Evans, should, on arrival at Liverpool, proceed direct to Portsmouth for the purpose of being attached to the Duke of Wellington, flag-ship of the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Ryder, preparatory to their being put upon their trial. Commander Evans will journey to London, their Lordships desiring to obtain from him personally all the information he is able to afford respecting the calamity.

Podge Podge.

SOVEREIGN AGES.

Her Majesty Queen Victoria last Tuesday attained her sixty-second birthday, an age which has been exceeded by eleven only of the Sovereigns of England, dating from the Norman Conquest—namely, Henry I., who attained sixty-seven years; Henry III., sixty-five years; Edward I., sixty-seven years; Edward III., sixty-five years; Queen Elizabeth, sixty-nine years; James II., sixty-eight years; George I., sixty-seven years; George II., seventy-seven years; George III., eighty-two years; George IV., sixty-eight years; and William IV., seventy-two years.

On June 20 next her Majesty will have reigned over this kingdom forty-four years, a period which has been exceeded by four English Sovereigns only—namely, Henry III., who reigned fifty-six years; Edward III., who reigned fifty years; Queen Elizabeth, who reigned forty-five years; and George III., whose reign extended to sixty years.

THAMES EXCURSIONS.

The River Thames always attracts vast numbers of holiday-makers on the day the Queen's birthday is kept—this present Saturday in the current year of grace. Wherefore, it may be of interest to welcome an improved style of passenger steam-boat on the Thames. The trial-trip of a new steam-vessel, the Glen Rosa, just brought from the Clyde, and intended to run between London and the watering-places on the east and south-east coasts, was made on Thursday week. The new vessel is the property of the Thames and Channel Steam-Ship Company. Among those present were Lord Ashley, Mr. Francis Bennoch, Captain Pelly, R.N., Monsignor Capel, and Mr. Bromley (of the Great Eastern Railway Company). The Glen Rosa is a spacious and handsome vessel, capable of giving deck accommodation to 1500 passengers, and licensed, on survey, to carry 1040 on a sea passage. It is the intention of the company to run this vessel from London to Clacton-on-Sea and back in a day. The vessel had to contend with a strong wind, and the water towards the mouths of the Thames and Medway was very rough; but she was remarkably steady, and maintained a very high speed. Why does not this company favour us with better steam-boats above bridge likewise? Were the Thames and Channel Steam-Ship Company to do so, the pleasures of our metropolitan river—never more beautiful than it is at Richmond in May and June!—would hardly remain unknown to the great majority of Londoners.

"IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH ON THE THAMES!"

was the wise prescription of a considerate Doctor, whose recipe would be taken by thousands upon thousands of baked Londoners were they but provided with adequate steam-boat accommodation.

THE NAME OF MR. H. M. STANLEY'S NEW STATION

on the north bank of the Congo is Isangila, so called from the falls close by. He appears to have had great difficulty in reaching it, owing to the large quantity of various stores and building material that had to be transported over mountains and through dense forests. The distance from Vivi to Isangila is less than 30 miles, we believe, so that Mr. Stanley's progress is still remarkably slow.

A FATAL HIGH-LIFE DUEL

was fought on May 18 in the Planoise Forest. M. de St. Victor, a French country gentleman, brother of M. Paul St. Victor, the Academician, quarrelled with M. Asselin, a neighbour, about some boundary question. They fought with sabres, the arm of St. Victor's choice. He was run through the abdomen and killed. The seconds testify that all passed according to the laws of honour.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE AT CHIOS.

Two strong shocks of earthquake occurred at Chios on May 20, bringing down several of the houses that remained standing after the late catastrophe.

CORONATION OF THE KING OF ROUMANIA.

The fêtes held in honour of the elevation of Roumania to the rank of a kingdom commenced last Sunday with the coronation of King Charles at Bucharest.

DEATH OF MRS. SEACOLE.

The trustees of the fund established some time since in behalf of Mrs. Mary Seacole wish it to be known that she died on the 14th inst. The deceased, it will be remembered, greatly distinguished herself as a nurse on the battle-field and in hospitals during the Crimean War. A Creole, she was born in Jamaica early in the present century, and from childhood was instructed by her mother in the art of nursing. In 1857 she published an autobiography, entitled "Wonderful Adventures in Many Lands."

The French in Tunis.

VOTE OF THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

In the Paris Chamber on Monday M. Proust brought up the report on the Bill ratifying the Treaty with Tunis. M. Jules Ferry pressing for an immediate discussion, the Chamber voted for it. M. Clémenceau, and other far-seeing Republicans protested against the Protectorate; but the bill was passed by 453 votes to 1!

EARL GRANVILLE'S MANLY PROTEST.

Earl Granville's well-weighed and judiciously worded remonstrance against the "Jingo" act of France in Tunis will not be fruitless, we believe. Particularly and commendably firm is Earl Granville's statement with respect to Bizerta:—

I do not think it necessary, M. l'Ambassadeur, to enter into the question of the possible value of Bizerta as a commercial port, further than to observe that, if the channel from the sea to the lake is deepened, so as to give access for large vessels, British ships will have, under the Treaty of 1875, a right to use it without being subjected to any higher dues than French or Tunisian vessels. Her Majesty's Government feel confident that M. Barthélemy St. Hilaire will appreciate the friendly intentions of her Majesty's Government in being thus explicit in their views with regard to the rights of British subjects under existing treaties, and will accept it as a proof of their earnest desire to prevent any occasion of future misapprehension, and to maintain the good understanding which has so long happily subsisted between the two countries.—I have, &c. (signed), GRANVILLE.

THE FIGHT AT MATER.

On May 13, a French column of two battalions en route from Djedeida to Mater, which had been encamped at Ain Gelal, advanced towards Esshair, where there is a small stream. It came upon some mountaineers. The Arabs threw themselves pluckily on the French and killed a few—they say about ten—and about fifteen Arabs were killed. The French used their Artillery a good deal; and after the Arabs had run away, threw three shells into the town. The result was one man wounded. The French camp is above the town, and commands it. The cavalry horses are picketed in a hollow square, with the baggage animals in the middle. The river is fordable everywhere. The country in which the attack occurred is a flat plain, covered with corn, and rolling hills of the same gradient throughout, scantily covered with short grass, where there is not cover for a mouse. Here the French stood the attack. It is hard work against breechloaders and artillery. So the Boers would have found it, had the only rational step been taken by the British Commander in the late war, and the Boer positions been taken in the rear, and the Boers been forced to fight in the open.

A Tunis telegram reports a skirmish at Enfida on Saturday. Three hundred Arabs collected round a house, and threatened to break into it. The Caid induced them to disperse while a deputation of Shiecks searched houses where the Arabs alleged guns, and even cannon, were concealed; but, at the close of this fruitless search, they collected again and pillaged the house. They seized some horses grazing; but, finding four of these belonged to Mr. Levy, returned these four, and ultimately gave up the others. The Caid with difficulty dissuaded them from setting fire to the house. A labourer was slightly wounded. After two hours' uproar the Arabs, on a sign from Mr. Levy's agent, retired.

AN ALARMING DISEASE AFFLICTING A NUMEROUS CLASS.

THE disease commences with a slight derangement of the stomach, but, if neglected, it in time involves the whole frame, embracing the kidneys, liver, pancreas, and, in fact, the entire glandular system, and the afflicted one drags out a miserable existence until death gives relief from suffering. The disease is often mistaken for other complaints; but, if the reader will ask himself the following questions, he will be able to determine whether he himself is one of the afflicted:—Have I distress, pain, or difficulty in breathing after eating? Is there a dull, heavy feeling, attended by drowsiness? Have the eyes a yellow tinge? Does a thick, sticky mucous gather about the gums and teeth in the mornings, accompanied by a disagreeable taste? Is the tongue coated? Is there pain in the sides and back? Is there a fulness about the right side as if the liver were enlarging? Is there costiveness? Is there vertigo or dizziness when rising suddenly from a horizontal position? Are the secretions from the kidneys scanty and highly coloured, with a deposit after standing? Does food ferment soon after eating, accompanied by flatulence or a belching of gas from the stomach? Is there frequent palpitation of the heart? These various symptoms may not be present at one time, but they torment the sufferer in turn as the dreadful disease progresses. If the case be one of long standing, there will be a dry, hacking cough, attended after a time by expectoration. In very advanced stages the skin assumes a dirty brownish appearance, and the hands and feet are covered by a cold, sticky perspiration. As the liver and kidneys become more and more diseased, rheumatic pains appear, and the usual treatment proves entirely unavailing against this latter agonising disorder. The origin of this malady is indigestion or dyspepsia, and a small quantity of the proper medicine will remove the disease if taken in its incipiency. It is most important that the disease should be promptly and properly treated in its first stages, when a little medicine will effect a cure; and even when it has obtained a strong hold the correct remedy should be persevered in until every vestige of the disease is eradicated, until the appetite has returned, and the digestive organs are restored to a healthy condition. The surest and most effectual remedy for this distressing complaint is "Seigel's Curative Syrup," a vegetable preparation sold by all Chemists and Medicine Venders throughout the world, and by the Proprietors, A. J. White, Limited, 21, Farringdon-road, London, E.C. This Syrup strikes at the very foundation of the disease, and drives it, root and branch, out of the system. Ask your Chemist for Seigel's Curative Syrup.

"41, Warwick-street, Woolwich, Kent,
"April 9, 1880.

"To A. J. White, Esq.—Sir,—I beg to inform you that I have been suffering for some time from general inward weakness, and an all-gone, sinking feeling of the chest and stomach, with a great deal of pain after eating. I had consulted doctors, and had taken several bottles of their medicine, both in Ireland and England, but without any good result; it seems to me that all they tried to do was to get my money. A friend of mine advised me to try a bottle of your truly valuable Curative Syrup, which I am happy to say I did, and after the first two or three doses I felt great relief, and by the time I had finished the second bottle I had quite lost all symptoms of my old ailment; and from the very great good I have derived from it I have recommended it to many of my friends with all confidence, who have tried it with very satisfactory results—one in particular, who is suffering from a very bad leg, and he wishes me to ask you if you have any vegetable ointment for old sores that he could use while taking your medicine.—I am, Sir, yours ever gratefully, ANNIE MCCOMBE."

COLIC AND JAUNDICE.

"Pigeon House, Upton-on-Severn, Worcestershire,
"May 27, 1879.

"Dear Sir,—Please forward me two bottles of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup and one box of the Pills. I find it a very useful thing to have on hand. Twelve months ago I was taken seriously ill in India with colic and jaundice, and as a last resource the doctors ordered me home. I was brought to England in my bed, a great sufferer, nearly double, unable to stand, or take any solids at all, and at times threw up a deal of blood. I was advised by a relative to try Mother Seigel's Syrup, and now, after taking one large bottle of Syrup and one box of Pills, blood-spitting has stopped. I can take my meals, and do walk occasionally eight miles without at all distressing myself. You are at liberty to make what use you like of this, as I consider it should be made public for the benefit of sufferers.

"I am, yours truly, WALTER BAKER."

SEVERE CASE OF RHEUMATISM.

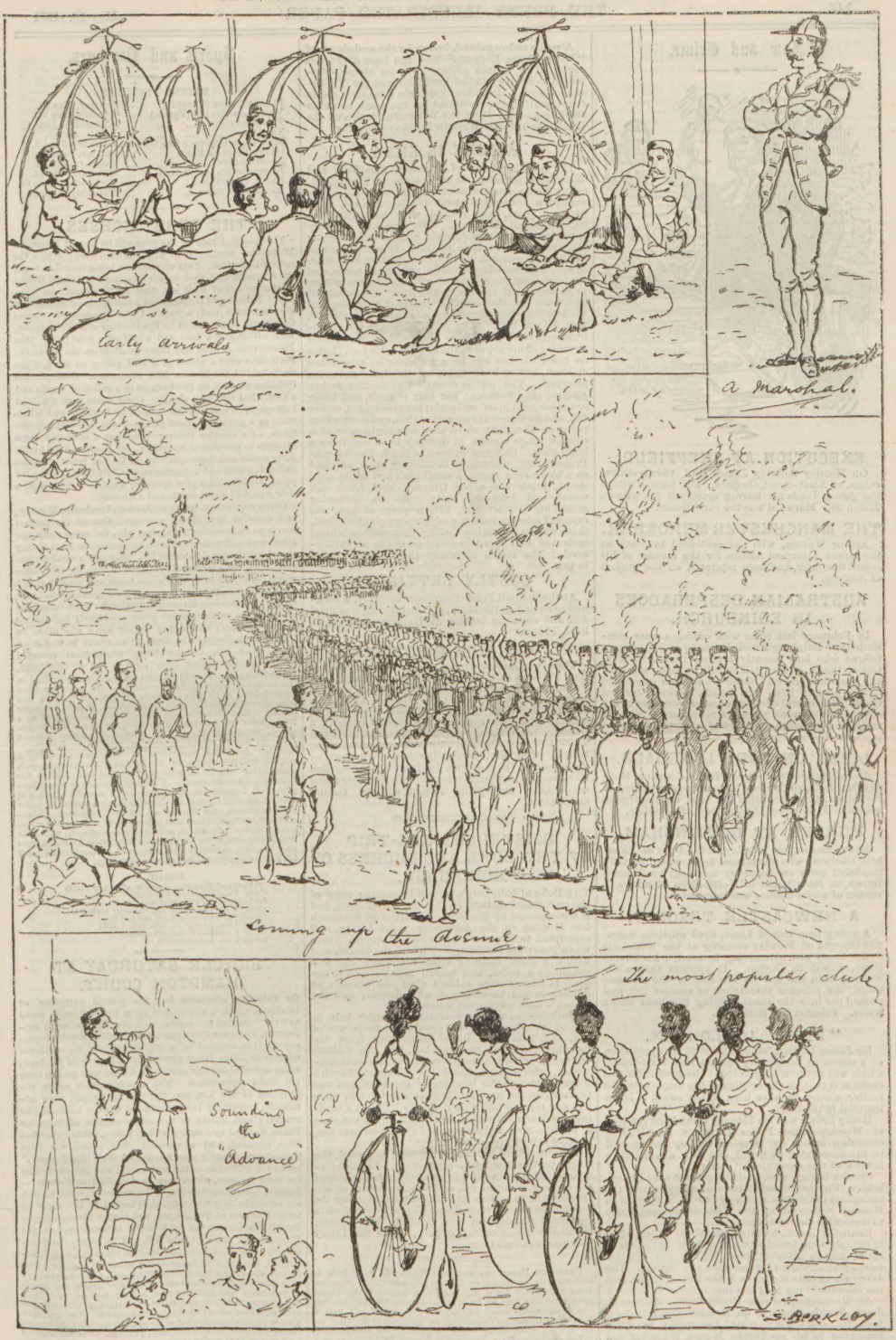
"Cowper-st., California, Ipswich, July 27, 1878.

"Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in informing you that, after taking Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, I am quite restored to health, after suffering for four years from the most excruciating pains. At times I could not move in my bed from rheumatism and dropsy; but now, although I am sixty-three years of age, I am able to work and walk free from pain. I send you this that you may let any of my fellow-sufferers know the great benefit I have received after taking your valuable medicine. I found great relief after taking it for two days, and I am sure no one could have been a greater sufferer than myself.

"Yours truly, CHARLES SLATE."

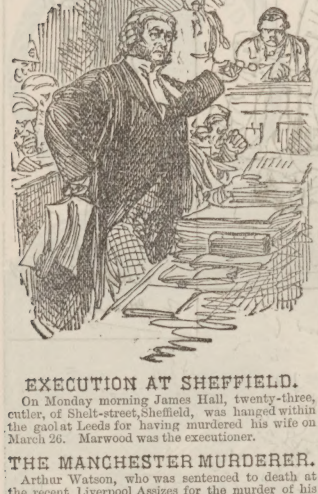
"Mr. A. J. White."—[ADVT.]

DANGERS OF OUR NAVY: THE BACCHANTE IN A STORM; AND THE DOTEREL EXPLOSION.



BICYCLE SATURDAY AT HAMPTON COURT.—(See "Sports and Pastimes.")

Law and Crime.



EXECUTION AT SHEFFIELD.

On Monday morning James Hall, twenty-three, cutler, of Shelt-street, Sheffield, was hanged within the gaol at Leeds for having murdered his wife on March 26. Marwood was the executioner.

THE MANCHESTER MURDERER.

Arthur Watson, who was sentenced to death at the recent Liverpool Assizes for the murder of his infant daughter, has been reprieved on the ground of insanity.

AUSTRALIAN DESPERADOES IN EDINBURGH.

In February last some wild outrages were committed in Edinburgh and Leith by two desperate fellows who had recently arrived from Australia. One of the two committed suicide on being arrested, and the other, named James Grant, also attempted to take his own life. The police, however, secured Grant; but several of their number were shot in the struggle which took place. Grant was on Monday tried in Edinburgh, and, being convicted, was sentenced to fourteen years' penal servitude.

LIBEL ON LADY LONSDALE.

At the Marlborough-street Police Court on Monday Mr. Richard Ludlow Bruges, a magistrate, of Melksham, was committed for trial on a charge of scandalously libelling the Countess of Lonsdale.

MURDER AT NOTTINGHAM.

At the inquest last Monday on the body of Elizabeth Caldwell, who was alleged to have been brutally murdered early on Saturday morning by Thomas Brown, at their house in Nottingham Meadows, a verdict of wilful murder was returned.

A NEWCASTLE TRAGEDY.

A young man named Lunn, aged nineteen years, was charged on Monday morning at the Newcastle Police Court with attempting to murder his sweetheart, Elizabeth Dutton. It appears that while walking with the girl by the side of the Ayedale Canal, the prisoner threatened to murder her, and pushed her into the canal, holding her head under water. Prisoner was remanded.

"LIFE" IN LONDON.

Sir James Ingham has reconsidered the application of a summons for perjury against Mrs. Hart-Davis, which will not now be granted. The ground for this decision is that, in the opinion of the magistrate, the matter alleged to have been falsely sworn to is not material to the issue.

Henry Brown was on Monday committed for trial at Worship-street Police Court on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences, having sold to the prosecutor as sound, and with a warrant, a horse that was a complete "roarer."

Charles Bailey, who, in driving a cart over Eburybridge, Pimlico, brought it into collision with the brougham of Captain Heron-Maxwell, M.P., was on Monday sentenced by the Westminster magistrate to a month's imprisonment.

Frederick Brook, a draper, on whose person when in custody were found a pair of scissors and a pair of spurs, was on Monday fined 40s. by the Wandsworth magistrate for furious riding in Putney. The defence was that the horse broke into a canter, and the rider could not hold him in.

At Marlborough-street Police Court, William C. Jones, bookkeeper, was on Monday committed for trial for embezzling sums amounting to £340, belonging to his employers, Messrs. Whitaker and Campbell, Conduit-street.

A rogue and vagabond, known by the soubriquet of "King of the Beggars," who has been fifty times convicted of various offences, was on Monday sentenced to twelve months' hard labour at the Middlesex Sessions. Humphrey Edwards was sentenced to four months' imprisonment at the same court for stealing a parcel from the Willesden Station of the London and North-Western Railway Company.

WHERE IS SHE?

The neighbourhood of Plaistow, Stratford, and West Ham, in Essex, is in a state of excitement, owing to the long-continued mysterious disappearance of a young girl, named Mary Seward, aged fourteen years, who resided with her parents at 98, West-road, Plaistow. Her parents are very respectable, industrious people, and she was a regular attendant at West Ham schools. It seems that on Wednesday evening, April 13, a little boy, four years of age, was missed for some time out of the house, and the young girl Mary Seward was asked by her mother to go and see if she could find him. She went out about six in the evening for that purpose, and the last that has been seen or heard of her since is that she was knocking at various doors in the neighbourhood, and asking the people if they had seen anything of her nephew, the missing little boy. Later on the little boy was brought home by some other children, but, as has been before stated, the girl never returned. The girl is described as looking rather younger than fourteen; her hair is dark, and hung round her head in natural curls; her eyes bright, rather full, and dark brown; face rather thin, and complexion pale; on the right cheek she has a slight scar of a circular shape caused in infancy by a cut from a lamp glass. She was dressed in black Persian cord Princess robe, trimmed with military braid, and had on a black cord apron, a small pink and white wool shawl, black straw hat trimmed with black silk velvet, and buttoned boots. As on Thursday se'nnight, another girl, fifteen years of age, was reported missing from the adjoining neighbourhood, there was an increasing feeling that some organised system of foul play was going on in the neighbourhood. The Home Secretary should put a stop to this.

COSTLY BETTING.

At the Solihull Police Court last Saturday, a bookmaker named Bettingham, of Nottingham, was fined £25 and costs for betting at Hall-green Races on Sept. 15 last.

AN IRISH EVICTION.

There was an exciting scene on Saturday last at New Pallas, Limerick, on the estate of Colonel Hare. To carry out several evictions, 250 soldiers and 150 police were detailed, and were attacked by a large crowd with stones. A sub-constable was wounded, and the attempt to carry out the evictions proved a failure. When the expedition faced about to return, a shot was fired, and the constabulary received orders to load. The Rev. Mr. O'Donnell, a Roman Catholic priest, then sprang in front of the levelled rifles, saying he would be responsible for order; and the military and police retired without further molestation.

BOISTEROUS SEA-TRIP OF THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who is inspecting some of the coastguard stations on the south-west coast, and is accompanied by the Duchess, arrived off Sidmouth last Monday in the Admiralty yacht Lively, and attempted to land in a small steam launch. There was a heavy sea running, and when the launch was within a short distance from the shore she was caught by a roller, and turned broadside on to the sea. It was at once evident that any attempt at landing would be attended with danger, and the launch's head was turned seawards.

The life-boat was in readiness to render help in case of mishap, and it was decided to make use of her, and take their Royal Highnesses from the launch. This was accomplished, but not without accident, for the honorary secretary of the local committee, who was on board the life-boat, lost his balance through the lurching of the boat, and was thrown into the sea. Two of the crew went in after him and rescued him with difficulty. Whilst a landing was being effected, a heavy sea struck the stern of the life-boat, and a shower of spray flew over her, wetting everybody on board.

The coastguard station having been inspected, the Royal party started in a carriage-and-four for Exmouth, but when a little way out of town the pole of the carriage snapped off, and the remainder of the journey had to be done on foot. After inspecting the coastguard station, their Royal Highnesses went on to Dawlish by train, and then drove to Teignmouth, eventually going on to Torquay, where the Lively had gone to await them.

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Sports and Pastimes.

RACING FIXTURES.

French Derby (Chantilly)	...	Sunday, May 29.
Woodcote Stakes (Epsom)	...	Tuesday, May 31.
The Derby	...	Wednesday, June 1.
The Oaks	...	Friday, June 3.
Manchester Summer Cup	...	Thursday, June 9.
Grand Prize of Paris	...	Sunday, June 12.
Ascot Stakes	...	Tuesday, June 14.
Prince of Wales' Stakes	...	Tuesday, June 14.
Royal Hunt Cup	...	Wednesday, June 15.
Ascot Gold Cup	...	Thursday, June 16.

THE DERBY HORSES.

The principal race of the year will be run at Epsom on Wednesday next. Who will win the Derby? is now the national question. That no pains are being spared to bring the cracks fit and well to the post may be judged from a brief summary of what was done at Newmarket on Monday. Barrett and Iroquois had a rattling good gallop over the last mile and a half of the Cesarewitch Course Camelliard, accompanied by Prudhomme and Voluptuary, went a little over a mile and a half at a good pace. Don Fulano went a mile and three quarters on the tan track. Portissimo went a mile and a half gallop on the new tan track behind the Warren Hill Plantation. Geologist and Culloden were led by Prestonpans in a gallop of a mile and a half. Bal Gal was absent. Great Carle went a mile at half speed. Peregrine was piloted by Bend Or and Gladstone in a good half-speed gallop of one mile and five furlongs. Sir Charles (Glover up) went a mile and three quarters in presence of his owner. St. Louis was led by Elf King a mile and three quarters on the tan track. Tristan galloped a mile and a quarter on the July Course at a good pace. Scobell had a pipe opener of a mile. Passaic went a slow gallop of about a mile and a quarter.

Derby speculation was fairly brisk in London on Monday, and eventful beyond the average. One of the earliest moves was concerning Peregrine, who, for some reason or other, met with general opposition, as much as 2 to 1 having at one time been laid against him; but only a small investment upon these terms was required to stem the tide, after which odds of 75 to 40 were again taken and asked for, and finally offers on the field were once more restricted to 7 to 4. Of the other leading favourites, Sir Charles was wonderfully quiet in the market, there being apparently little or no money for him; but a very strong move was made on behalf of Geologist, who from 10 to 1 was backed down to 6 to 1—one of the latest transactions recorded in his favour having been 1800 to 300 in one hand. Operations concerning the American team were puzzling in the extreme, Iroquois having early in the morning been backed down to 1000 to 80, while as much as 25 to 1 was then offered against his stable-companion, Barrett—rumour having it that the latter had proved only second best in a trial; later on, however, Barrett again came into requisition, returning to 20 to 1 "wanted," offers against Iroquois being simultaneously extended to 100 to 7. Another American representative—Don Fulano—made a marked improvement upon his Saturday's quotation, such substantial wagers as 4400 to 200 twice and 2000 to 100 being placed to his credit. This colt was also in exceptionally good request for place honours, a remark which will apply with equal force to Camelliard, who appeared to be good business, and showed an upward tendency. Manchester Cup speculation was not of such a character as to call for comment; and it will therefore suffice to note that Fernandez continued in force at 4 to 1, while Ambassadress held her own at double that rate; and of the second rank lot Favorita appeared to carry most money.

DERBY.

75 to 40 agst Peregrine (1 and w, after 2 to 1 laid)
6 to 1 — Geologist (t and off)
100 to 12 — Sir Charles (t and off)
100 to 7 — Iroquois (t and off, after 100 to 8 t)
100 to 7 — Camelliard (off, 100 to 6 t)
20 to 1 — Barrett (t, after 25 to 1 laid)
26 to 1 — Don Fulano (t and off)
100 to 1 — Limestone (t)

BICYCLE SATURDAY AT HAMPTON COURT.

On Saturday afternoon last the annual gathering of bicyclists, which is now looked upon by the bicycle world as "the" meet of the season, took place at the usual rendezvous, Hampton Court; and, being favoured with charming weather, resulted in a gigantic success, an enormous number of riders being present from all parts of England, estimated at about 2500 at least, and there were no less than 166 clubs represented. The arrangements, under the direction of the hon. sec., Mr. Shirley Russell, were admirable, everything being conducted in most business-like manner; and, thanks to the active services of Inspector Fisher, assisted by a strong staff of police, not the slightest hitch occurred, and a splendid clear course was kept throughout. Shortly after five o'clock the "bicycle army," led by the Pickwicks as the senior club, was placed in line for their journey, which may be described as follows:—Starting from Hampton-green, the procession went through the village to New Hampton, then turned to the right up to the Clarence at Teddington, and thence through Bushy Park Gates, leaving the park by the entrance opposite the King's Arms, turning to the left, and following the Kingston-road as far as Hampton-wick, at which place they disbanded, the total distance being about five miles. The appearance of the "army" on the march was something to be remembered, and the various works of art in the shape of machines was worth going a long way to see. The attendance was far in excess of former years, but the greatest order prevailed from start to finish. The gigantic nature of this "gathering of the clans" is indicated by our Artist's page drawing; but may, perhaps, be better realised by a glance at the official return of the various clubs represented on Saturday:—

METROPOLITAN CLUBS.

Pickwick	28	Highgate	10	Archery	6
Dalston	6	Camberwell	15	St. George's	6
[illegible]	15	[illegible]	17	[illegible]	2
S.London Harriers	8	Forest Hill	16	Kent Arabs	2
Temple	48	Bellingbroke	8	Clarendon	6
[illegible]	14	Dengaw	12	Apollo	10
Stanley	17	Clapton	18	W. Dulwich	2
Wells	8	Metropolitan	18	Mildmay	2
Rovers	18	West London	20	Argyle	14
Hampstead	15	Pegasus	4	Waverley	7
[illegible]	14	West	24	Arab	2
Cygnets	7	Cygnet Rowing	15	[illegible]	4
Thames Hare and		Cygnet	15	[illegible]	4
[illegible]	15	Ealing Park	15	Westminster	11
Twickenham	11	Argyll Lansdown	12	Lea	11
Atalanta	8	Lea	17	Lupus	10
Hornsey	12	Clapton	15	Minerva	6
Canonbury	12	Highbury	15	Crouch Hill	9
Belgrave	13	Clevelon	15	Wimbledon	9
North London	15	Cygnet	4	Silver Cross	3
[illegible]	4	Alma	1	[illegible]	3
Hollands	11	Langham	15	Premier	8
Clarence	17	Ivy	11	Bedford	10
Athenæum	12	Nonbiton	11	Thistle	10
Thetford	11	Chiswick	10	Kilburn	8
Chiswick	15	Sutton	18	Spread Eagle	12
Twickenham	16	Richmond	20	Victorian	17
Acton	25	Highbury	12	Southwark Amateurs	8
Brixton	16	S. Hornsey	20	Mayfield	6
Kingsland	8	Hampstead	16	City Rovers	10
Widmore	8	Alleyne	10	Clapham Park	13
Star	7	Comet	20	Sun	18
Lewisham	23	Hammersmith	15	St. John's	9
St. James's	15	Kestrel	10	Arlo	9
Kildare	18	London Scottish	10	Harringay	9
Tufnell	12	Golden Eagle	10	Electric	9
Crichton	19	Richmond	15	Balham	6
Tabbith	4	White Plume	10	Glenlower	7
Granville	6	Brixton Ramblers	24	Keystone	7
Zephyr	15	Tottenham	9		
Estura	6	Gipsy	9		

PROVINCIAL CLUBS.

Brighton	21	Farnham	3	Guildford Castle	1
Portsmouth	22	West Surrey	10	Reading Abbey	6
Maldon	2	Bedford Rowing	24	Notting	4
Mary St. Edmunds	2	Rochester	3	Northampton Ve-	
Northamptonshire	3	Thames Ditton	6	locipede	2
Clifton	2	Bedford	8	Brockton Star	9
North Kent	2	Huddersfield Wan-		Bowling	10
West Essex	8	derers	5	Falcon	4
Chichester	8	South Essex	3	Alliance (Pare-	
Dewsbury	1	Port of Ports-		hani)	4
Bristol	12	mouth	12	Bicycle Touring	
Brighton Rovers	9	Brighton Wan-		about 10	
Bishops Stortford	6	derers	8	Unattached,	
Uxbridge	8	Sleaford	7	estimated at 500	

The important race meeting or the Croydon Bicycle Club was decided last Saturday afternoon on the Crystal Palace track at Sydenham. A two-mile club handicap was won by R. J. Paul, 50 yards start, in 6 min. 57 4-5th sec.; F. Jones, 200 yards, being second. The one-mile open handicap produced no less than seventy-seven entries, including the elite of the racing world. After three rounds the first prize (a bicycle, value twenty guineas) fell to the lot of N. Hawkes (Stanley B.C.), 115 yards start, who defeated H. Keen (St. Peter's B.C.), 180 yards start, by about three yards. J. C. P. Tuteagin (Canonbury), 125 yards, being third. Time, 2 min. 46 sec. dead—a truly remarkable performance.

Mr. E. N. Coston distinguished himself last Saturday at the Southampton Bicycle Club meeting by easily winning the ten-mile club race by 20 secs., by gaining the combination contest—i.e., walking, running, and riding; and carrying off the mile handicap prize, for which he received 30 yards' start from W. Clarke, the scratch man. Coston was, moreover, second in the three-mile open handicap, in which he got 90 yards' start to the 250 yards of the winner, W. Snook.

Some crack London bicyclists on Saturday last pitted themselves against the University men at Cambridge. The Light Blues won two out of the three races. Cambridge, at starting, won the mile race, O. P. Fisher beating A. G. M. Loeb by twelve yards; time, 3m. 1-5 sec. Harold Smith put the four-mile race to the credit of the Londoners, winning by three yards; time, 12 min. 30¾ sec. G. D. Day, second in the four-mile race, wheeled the Light Blue Colours to the fore again in the three-mile race, which he beat O. Storey by half a dozen yards; his time being 51 min. 1 sec.

G. W. Waller, the long-distance champion bicyclist, has laid down a capital bicycle track in a large field at Dalston-street, Leyton, recently. The enclosure is a fine one, and both he known as Waller's Bicycling and Recreation Ground.

It is not satisfactory to learn at one and the same time that the Rankin champion, Mr. W. G. Gunner, is seriously ill, and that the American wrestler, Lt. L. Myers, left New York for England May 21 on board the Britannic, accompanied by his countryman, H. P. Pope and J. A. M'Donald.

William Cumming, and Four Oaks has an opportunity of winning £100 easily. It is presumed, on good authority, that he won a mile race against William Dudzie at Leyton, on May 14 last, covering the distance in the hitherto unrivalled time of 4 min. 16 seconds. Throughout the sporting fraternity "Jem-like" Pendragon," Mr. Henry Sampson, the Peter ... starting to an other he had previously made, proffers Cummings £100 if he should "equal his mile and his four-mile records" in London. Cummings failed, however, to repeat his feat in Glasgow on Saturday last, when, in a mile race against Hendrie, he was again an easy victor, but occupied 4 min. 18⅘ secs. in doing the mile.

The stakes have been increased for the following long-winded peds. for the week's walk for the championship, to be begun in London on June 20:—John Lees (Darlington), Rowell, of Chesterton (holder of the belt); £100 from Edward Parson Weston, of Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A.; £100 from Frank Hart, of Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

M. Ephrassi won the Prix de Diane (French Oaks), at the Chantilly Meeting, on Sunday, with Scipolette II., Stanley's cast Stud's Perplexité being second, and Louray Stud's Alphonsine third.

The Belgian Derby, run at Brussels last Sunday, was won by Count Ribaucourt's Fol Amour.

Several race meetings have been held during the week—viz., York, Bath, Salisbury, Doncaster, and Harpenden, and of these the first-named two were the most noteworthy.

In the race for the Great Northern Handicap at York on Tuesday, the despised Madame du Barry beat Blackthorn and all the other favourites with the greatest of ease, Syringa being third. The three placed for the Four Cup were—Bathilde yielding 1, Durham 2, Stumps 3. As Bath the same day, Friar Tuck opened the ball by winning the Members' Welter Plate for Lord Folkestone. In the Thirtieth Biennial Gehelmuisse readily defeated Gaydene and five others. In the Tradesmen's Selling Plate, Mattie Stray unexpectedly upset the talent. There was a marked falling off in the strength of the runners for the Beaufort Handicap, in which another favourite was successful, Spitalcroft easily winning from National Air.

The New Thames Yacht Club opened its season last Saturday at Gravesend. The weather was very fine and there were nearly twenty vessels at the station. Mr. W. N. Rudge, the Vice, was in command, and at noon ran his flag up on the Fionn schooner. The Myosotis, Ibis, Stephanotis, and others formed the procession, but the Owl got further than the Lower Hope, and returned before five o'clock.

There were only two competitors in the ten-ton match of the Corinthian Yacht Club, sailed on Saturday—viz., Butter-cup, 10 tons, Mr. R. Hewitt; and Maharance, 10 tons, Mr. W. G. Waddam. The start was made in a light leading wind, and the Buttercup ran the Maharanee some distance. The wind, however, subsided by degrees, the Buttercup came to a halt, and the Maharanee, bringing a fair wind, soon arrived at Leith. Just before seven o'clock, and took the prize, value £10.

The annual sailing-barge race on the Thames is fixed for June 21 this year—much earlier than usual—and a large fleet of topsail and "stumpy" barges is expected to [illegible] on that day.

The Thames yachting season commenced in earnest on Monday with the cutter-matches of the Royal Thames Yacht Club. The races were between the first and third class cutters; the second class had not filled. Reckoning for a 40-mile course, the Buttercup won the prize by time, and Louise the second. Of the larger class, Samoena came up with a flowing sheet.

On Saturday afternoon the Lancashire Association Football Challenge Cup (worth £150) was transferred from the holders, the Darwen F.C. (who were the winners of the trophy in the first competition) to the Accrington Club, which defeated Park-road, Blackburn, in the final tie, on the Darwen ground, on April 23.

The largest attendance seen this season of the Gun Club assembled at Wormwood-scrubbs on Saturday afternoon, when several events of importance were decided. The first was a match for the Members' Challenge Cup, value £20, between the competitors being Mr. Turner-Turner (the holder and Lord Stormont (the challenger), who had to shoot at twenty-five birds each, at 30 yards rise. It resulted in the victory of Mr. Turner-Turner, who won by four pigeons, killing twenty out of twenty-five, Lord Stormont sixteen out of the same number. The second event was for the Manchester Cup, value £50, to which was added a £3 sweepstakes, all at 25 yards. Mr. Wallace was declared the winner of £90 and the cup by killing eleven in succession; Mr. G. H. Beard won the second prize—£40—by grassing ten out of eleven.

There was a large and fashionable company present in Hurlingham Park on Saturday afternoon, when the first important polo-match of the season took place, the contest being between the Hurlingham and the Ranelagh Clubs. There were four on each side, and after an hour and a quarter's fine play the Hurlingham Club were declared the winners, having made seven goals to one, Mr. A. Peyton taking the first, and Captain Hill Trevor the second for the Hurlingham party; whilst Mr. Arthur Peat scored one for the Ranelagh. In the shooting inclosure there was what is called "a good afternoon's sport."

Middlesex v. Surrey began well at Lord's on Monday. Surrey let off with a first innings of 157, Mr. A. P. Lucas contributing 37 and Humphrey 30. Middlesex did better, Mr. A. J. Webbe alone scoring 57, and Mr. G. F. Vernon 33.

The first of the two annual trial-matches between the M.C.C. and Cambridge University was commenced on Monday on the University Ground. The feature of the day was the splendid batting of the brothers G. B. and C. T. Studd. Mr. G. B. Studd made 80. Mr. C. T. Studd took out his bat for a brilliant innings of 62.

There was also some tremendous hitting at Oxford on Monday in the match termed First Eleven v. Next Fifteen, although play did not begin until two o'clock, the score at the drawing of stumps was [illegible] for only five wickets. Mr. Kemp joined Mr. Wilson when the score was 163, and the pair played out time.

Fully three thousand persons witnessed the first day's play in the trial-match of the Yorkshire Colts on Monday at the Brammall-lane Ground, Sheffield. The batting was of a poor quality. The Colts' total was 66. Hill took eleven wickets in 42 overs for 36 runs. The Eleven on going in to bat fared almost as badly as their opponents.

A large company was present on Monday at the County Ground, Derby, to witness the first day's play in the match between Derbyshire and Essex. The Sussex captain, on winning the toss, decided to go in. Despite the efforts of the Derbyshire bowlers, the score was up to 141 before Mr. Lucas was out 1—for, by 71—the chief hits being six fours, four fives, and four twos. The innings closed at ten minutes to five for 163. W. Payne took out his bat for a well played and valuable 37. Bowling, the leading feature was displayed by Mr. Skinner and Bagshaw, the latter having [illegible] Mr. Lucas, Shelton, and Jupper. Previously to Mr. Skinner's hitting the score was taken to 122. When Messrs. Maynard and Docker got together, they played extremely, and kept up their wickets until the call of time.

Dr. W. G. Grace is in form. Last Saturday on the ground at St. George's, Bristol, the two-days match between W. G. Grace's Eleven and the Local Eighteen was brought to a conclusion, 60 and 17 were W. G.'s scores. Mr. W. G. Grace also accomplished the "hat trick," taking three wickets in one over; and Mr. Townsend's lobs got rid of six men for nine runs. The Eleven won by 93.

On Saturday last Cambridge, the University team sustained a severe defeat, the result being mainly due to the batting of Hall, Tyndall, and Bates, who started Yorkshire's first innings in such a remarkable fashion that 193 runs were scored for two wickets. In excuse for the Cantabs it must be remembered that they were placed at a great disadvantage by the absence, through illness, of the Hon. Ivo Bligh. The match ended in a victory for Yorkshire by eight wickets.

Thirteen colts of Surrey, with Jupp as captain, last Saturday defeated eleven of the Esher Club on the first innings by 18 runs.

There was a one-day match on the county ground at Derby, last Saturday, between an Eleven of Derbyshire and Fourteen Colts. The Colts proved themselves altogether unequal to their antagonists. They went in first, and were all got rid of for 102. The Eleven, in three hours and a half batting, scored the large number of 351 runs for the loss of only six wickets. Mr. R. E. Smith, who is in his best form this season, went in when the score was 27, and at the call of time was 194, not out. He batted with great freedom, but the bowling was of the weakest description. The match, which was, of course, a victory for the Eleven, did not bring to light any great talent; but Mr. Smith's innings is sufficient to make the day's play remarkable.

The week closes with three more county matches:—Middlesex v. Yorkshire, at Lord's; Notts v. Sussex, at Nottingham; and Lancashire v. Derbyshire, at Manchester. The Eton College season opens also this week.

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A DERBY TRIAL.—(See "Sports and Pastimes.")

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Ladies and Gentleman, the memory of Sir William Adam deserves to be honoured. Many of us strove to contribute in our small way to the Liberal Victory at the last General Election. Our noble chief led the van. But the prime Liberal organiser—the first man, in short, behind the scenes—was William Adam. And proud we are to be able to present a speaking likeness of him, from the photograph by Moffat, of Edinburgh.

How the "Liberal Whip" worked to secure that triumph only his associates fully know. It was felt he merited a far higher post than the ornamental one of First Commissioner of Works in Mr. Gladstone's Government. But it was "cruel to be kind" enough to send Sir William Adam out to India as Governor of Madras. He was no

stranger to India, for he was private secretary to LORD ELPHINSTONE from '53 to over the period of the dread Sepoy Mutiny. But—bar the pleasure of power—the dignity of a Governor of Madras must be little better than penal servitude, from the harassing nature of the daily round of work. He died on Monday, true to duty and faithful to the last—a firm friend and an honourable public servant.

Yet, despite his example, friends, I prefer to say, with the poet in this flowery month of May :—

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